




RETI Environmental Working Group

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Purpose

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- Detailed environmental screening criteria for phase 1B resource assessment
 - Come up with an environmental rating factor that that can be used to rank CREZs and corridor decisions.
 - Provide opportunities for input and feedback from all phases from all Stakeholders



Environmental Screening Criteria for use in Phase 1B


- Create an “exclusion list” similar to that from the BLM Wind PEIS
- A finer comb to assure that we don’t overestimate resource availability in a CREZ




Criteria for Ranking of CREZ

- Develop environmental criteria to inform the ranking of CREZs
- Focus on quantifiable attributes
- Criteria could include
 - Miles of new ROW required
 - Water use
 - Amount of sensitive habitat impacted (etc.)


Committee Membership

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- NRDC and Sierra Club lead
 - Environmental Partners with specific expertise
 - NAS, CBD, Defenders of Wildlife, TWS, others
 - Regulators
 - CEC, BLM others
 - Other Stakeholders Groups, including Developers
 - Keep size to no more than 12 if possible

Timeline

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- Screening Criteria by early April
 - GIS map by mid April
 - Define rating factor by May
 - Identify and test for variations of application
 - Red, exclusion areas (no-go)
 - Yellow, avoidance areas (go with great care)
 - Green, areas with relatively few environmental concerns
 - Test rating on CREZ phase one review.

Timeline

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- Refine and utilize rating factor as appropriate – ongoing
 - Obtain and present significant data to RETI – ongoing
 - Review and apply rating factor against actual corridor routing choices and more specific CREZ – as needed.